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NOTE TO THE DIRECTOR

Here is a first try at the sort of paper you asked for. I send it along for comment and criticism, rather than with any recommendation that you use this version. It turns out quite a bit longer than I had expected, but we thought that at this stage it would be easier to delete than to add, and perhaps the length is no problem.

Nothing embroils the Board in more fuss and argument than something like this paper. What should be put in and what left out, and why? The "guidelines for selection" -- they are either too clear or not clear enough, or they are simply wrong. And so on. But there is no important disagreement about the estimative notes themselves.

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Attachment:

"Potential Problems Which Might Affect
US Interests Abroad", dated 12 March 71